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B) BANGKOK 3743 IMMEDIATE

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1. WE HAVE NOT TABLED PROPOSED AGREEMENT ON FURNISHING FIVE HELICOPTERS TO THE RTG FOR NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT (REF B) PER INSTRUCTIONS AND AWAIT GUIDANCE PROMISED ASAP (REF A, DATED MARCH 7).

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT IS THE RESULT OF EXTENSIVE AND CAREFUL NEGOTIATION WITH THE RTG AND IS DESIGNED (A) TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION BY THE THAI OF THE FIVE HELICOPTERS AND (B) FULL PROTECTION OF US INTERESTS. WE HAVE SEEN HERE IN THAILAND A GROWING COMPETENCE AMONG RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES FOR ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK AND, EQUALLY IMPORTANT, A ZEST AND ENTHUSIASM FOR COOPERATION WITH US. SPIRITS AMONG ALL THAI AND US PERSONNEL IN THE PROGRAM RECEIVED A LIFT RECENTLY WITH THE SEIZURE IN BANGKOK OF A HEROIN LAB AND THE ARREST
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OF FIVE PRINCIPALS (REF C). WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO

CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWING SENSE OF CONFIDENCE AMONG THE THAI NARCOTICS PERSONNEL BY REDUCING ANY FURTHER DELAY IN THE HELICOPTER MATTER TO A MINIMUM AND EARNESTLY SOLICIT THE DEPARTMENT'S COOPERATION. WE NOTE THAT THE TWO HELICOPTERS ALREADY IN THE PROGRAM WILL ARRIVE ONLY AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, ALMOST TWO FULL YEARS FOLLOWING INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE THAI.

3. WE WISH TO TABLE THE DRAFT AGREEMENT (REF B) BY WEDNESDAY MARCH 20 AND HOPE TO RECEIVE BY THAT TIME THE GUIDANCE PROMISED MARCH 7 ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT AND THE QUESTION OF OBLIGATION AND IMPLEMENTATION RAISED IN PARAGRAPH 5 (REF B).

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